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BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION

The Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining will meet in regular session on Wednesday, April 27, 2005, in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a ceremony honoring five recipients of 2005 Earth Day Awards. Earth Day Awards recognize industry or individuals who go beyond what is required by regulation in protecting the environment while developing natural resources.

Following the awards ceremony, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining will brief board members on several items including, small mine bonding rules, a request to proceed on non-substantive changes to oil and gas rules, and reclamation work at the Drum Mine. The formal agenda will begin at 10:30 a.m.

<u>AGENDA</u>

1. <u>Docket No. 2005-002, Cause No. 114-06</u> - In the Matter of the AMENDED REQUEST for Agency Action of QUESTAR Exploration and Production Company for an Order Modifying in Part the Spacing Order in Cause No. 114-1 to Downspace from One 640-Acre Spacing Unit to Eight 80-Acre Spacing Units for the Production of Gas and Associated Hydrocarbons from the Green River Formation Comprising Sections 30 and 31 in Township 7 South, Range 25 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah.

Board will consider a routine request to modify well spacing.

2. <u>Docket No. 2005-004, Cause No. 114-07</u> - In the Matter of the AMENDED REQUEST for Agency Action of QUESTAR Exploration and Production Company for an Order Downspacing the Existing 320-Acre Spacing Established under Cause No. 114-3 to Four 80-Acre Spacing Units for the Production of Gas and Associated Hydrocarbons from the Green River Formation Comprising the E-1/2 of Section 11, Township 7 South, Range 24 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah.

Petitioner is also asking for a modification of a well spacing order.

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3. <u>Docket No. 2005-005, Cause No. 131-123</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of DEVON Energy Production Company, L.P. for an Order Modifying the Board's Orders in Cause Nos. 131-81 and 131-107 to Allow the Drilling of a Second Well to Produce from the Upper Green River Formation in Sections 2 and 9, Respectively, of Township 1 South, Range 2 West, USM, Duchesne County, Utah.

Board will consider a request to downspace well locations.

4. <u>Docket No.2005-006, Cause No.220-06</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of PIONEER Natural Resources USA, Inc. for an Order Partially Vacating the Board's Orders in Cause Nos. 220-04 and 220-05 and Instead Establishing Temporary 320 Acre Drilling and Spacing Units for the Production of Gas (Including but Limited to Coalbed Methane) from the Blackhawk Formation, Comprised of the W-1/2 of Section 16 and the E-1/2 of Section 18, Respectively, of Township 12 South, Range 10 East, SLM, Carbon County, Utah, and Authorizing the Drilling of a Horizontal Well in Each Such Unit So Established.

Board is again considering a spacing request.

5. <u>Docket No. 2005-007, Cause No. 179-11</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of QUESTAR Exploration and Production Company for an Order Modifying the Orders in Cause Nos. 179-1, 179-6 and 179-9 to Provide for the Drilling of Additional Wells to Achieve a Well Density Equivalent to 40-Acre Well Spacing Units for the Production of Oil, Gas and Associated Hydrocarbons from All Formations from the Surface Down to the Top of the Mancos Formation Comprizing the W-1/2 of Section 16 in Township 10 South, Range 23 East, SLM, Uintah County, Utah.

Petitioner is seeking a modification of earlier orders in a spacing request.

6. <u>Docket No. 2005-008, Cause No. 107-06</u> - In the Matter of the Request for Agency Action of CRESCENDO Energy, LLC for an Order Modifying, in Part, the Spacing Order in Cause No. 107-1 to Downspace the Existing 320-Acre Spacing to Two 160-Acre Spacing Units Within the E-1/2 of Section 11 and to Provide for the Drilling of an Additional Well to Achieve a Well Density Equivalent to 160-Acre Well Spacing for the Development of the Existing Communitized Area in the W-1/2 of Section 11, for the Production of Gas from the Dakota and Morrison Formations within the San Arroyo Field Area, Comprising All of Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 25 East, SLM, Grand County, Utah.

Board will consider a well spacing request.